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**TRUCKMEN SEEK CUT  
IN MOTOR LICENSES**

Executive Committee Demands Old Rate of \$5 a Ton Instead of \$8.

**NEW LAWS ATTACKED**

Interference by State Constabulary Would Be Curbed by Statute.

**ASSAULTS HUMANE SOCIETY**

Organization in Reply Charges Discharged Agent With Lying Propaganda.

The executive committee of the Merchant Truckmen's Bureau of New York held a meeting yesterday in Cavanagh's restaurant, 258 West Twenty-third street, and agreed to this winter for legislation that would provide sweeping changes in the laws governing the operation and licensing of motor trucks. The committee recommended also a law providing that the fines assessed against those charged with driving disabled horses and placed under summary arrest by agents of the Humane Society of New York revert to the State instead of the complaining organization. "The fact that the Humane Society of New York is largely dependent for its support on the fines taken in court," said the recommendation, "puts a premium on dishonesty by agents of the society, who desire to turn in as much revenue as possible. This society does nothing to relieve the condition of the horse except arrest and fine the owner. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, as against this, gives summonses to drivers, cares for the horse and gives medical attention to the animals that are sick."

Mrs. M. Colbert Lottia, secretary to David Belais, president of the Humane Society of New York, said last night that these charges are unfair and untrue. The society, she said, pays its agents regular salaries, regardless of the number of arrests made, and the organization is not dependent on the fines. They would not cover even the payroll of the agents, she added. The reason for summary arrests instead of serving summonses, Mrs. Lottia explained, is that the horse in the case is the evidence, and the Magistrates trying the cases insist upon seeing the evidence before they will convict.

The executive committee denounced the majority of the motor vehicle bills placed on the statute books during the administration of Gov. Miller, and went on record as favoring the following laws:

Reduction of motor vehicle license fee from \$5 a ton to the former rate of \$3 a ton or less.

Extension of the time limit of reciprocal rights for motor vehicles between New York and New Jersey.

Requirement that the owner of every commercial vehicle in the State shall have his vehicle covered by public liability insurance.

Legislative action to prevent interference with the operation of motor-vehicles on State highways by State Constabulary.

**KILROE INDICTMENT  
FINALLY DISMISSED**

Last of Almirall Grand Jury Cases Cleared Away.

Justice Henry V. Horst in the Criminal branch of the Supreme Court yesterday dismissed the indictment against Edwin P. Kilroe, former Assistant District Attorney, and his law partner, Louis D. Schwartz. The indictments were handed down by the Almirall Extraordinary Grand Jury and charged conspiracy to obstruct justice. The two men were tried before the late Justice Hartow Weeks and a jury and were convicted and fined \$500. They appealed the case and the Appellate Division set aside the conviction.

Attorney-General Charles D. Newton appeared yesterday to ask for the dismissal of the indictments, saying that he had carefully examined all the facts in the case. The indictments grew out of the matrimonial troubles of Napoleon A. Bourasse and his wife, Helen St. Marie Montrose Bourasse, an actress, who charged her husband with being a bigamist.

The complaint against Bourasse, which had been filed in a Magistrate's court, was withdrawn by Kilroe, who said it would be impossible to obtain a conviction because the principal witness could not be found.

This dismissal disposes of the last of the indictments filed by the Almirall Grand Jury against public officials.

**FEAR OF POOR HOUSE  
KILLS A MAN OF 106**

Leaves Widow Said to Be 96 and Son 76.

Joseph Verento, supposed to have been the oldest man on Long Island, died Monday night in a hospital in his little three room shack on Mott street, Poughkeepsie. He declared he was 106 years old and his wife, who survives him, is about 96. He is also survived by a son, Joseph, Jr., who is 76 and who lived with his parents making a precarious living by picking rags.

All three were born in Italy and went to Poughkeepsie about fifteen years ago. Up to three years ago the aged man worked at what he could find and since then because of infirmities he did nothing. For the last three years he was allowed \$3 a month for his support by the Overseer of the Poor, but as his infirmities increased it was suggested to him that he and his wife would be more comfortable in the county poor house at Yaphank.

Verento was to start for that place yesterday with his wife. The idea of finally ending his days in the poor house hastened his death, or broke his heart it is believed.

His widow may go there later, but she hopes that with the assistance of her son and a little help from the overseer she will be enabled to end her years in Poughkeepsie with her boy.

**GAS KILLS MAN AND BOY  
IN CONEY ISLAND HOUSE**

Mystery in Pair Being in Summer Home at Time.

David Oaler, aged 50, a driver, and his son, Albert, 19, were found dead of asphyxiation last night at 1 Galb walk, Coney Island, where, according to the police, the Oaler family lived last summer. The bodies were found by Bernard Oaler, 19, a son, employed as a clerk by the Brooklyn Union Gas Company.

A sister, who lives at 1451 Nostrand avenue, Brooklyn, but who would not give her name, appeared later at the house. She and Bernard were questioned but did not explain why the father and son happened to be in the cottage. Dr. Krazitz of Coney Island Hospital, said Oaler and the boy had been dead for at least twelve hours.

Samuel Esrick, 50, his wife and their three children were found unconscious from escaping gas in an apartment at 36 Fourth street yesterday morning. They were revived. The house was searched after Meyer Deutsch, a first-floor tenant, had found his wife and child overcome.

**MISS M'COOEY NOT  
WORRIED BY CRITICS**

Of Course It Takes Political Favor to Get a Job Like This, She Says.

**LIKES HER SCHOOL WORK**

Brooklyn Boss's Sister Will Specialize on Recreational Features.

Miss Margaret J. McCooley, sister of John H. McCooley, Brooklyn Democratic leader, sat at her roll top desk in her new office in the Board of Education Building yesterday with a pile of school papers in front of her and vases of American Beauties and chrysanthemums surrounding her. She was deep in the study of school problems from the point of view of a newly elected member of the Board of Superintendents, and neither criticism nor protest from without the Fifty-ninth street zone worried her.

"Of course it takes political favor to get a job like this or any other job," commented the relative of the Brooklyn "boss," referring to attacks made upon the board's selection of a politician's sister to fill the vacancy caused by the death several months ago of Mrs. Grace Strachan Forsythe. "Political pull helped me, but you have to have something besides pull. You have to have qualifications first before you are considered eligible, and you have to have ability. I think I may say that my qualifications were deemed sufficient or my name would not have been suggested. Time will show whether the ability is there or not."

Miss McCooley has dignity and reserve without austerity. Her glance is quick, penetrating and appraising, and her smile is friendly. She looks capable, calm and judicial. A reference to published attacks on her appointment to a position which brings her a yearly salary of \$4,150 induced her to say that she received as principal of a Brooklyn school caused her eyes to flash. "All those remarks and criticisms have been

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made by persons who know nothing about the Board of Education. Therefore I am not worried and I shall pay no attention to the attacks. It's going to take all my time and attention to do the work I have before me.

"I have made no special plans because it is better thoroughly to familiarize yourself with the work and the situation first before making suggestions. And I am not a person to offer suggestions unless I am convinced they seem for the better. I shall be in charge of the extension activities of the school, which will include the continuation and evening schools, visual education, vacation schools and playgrounds, recreation centers, athletic centers and lectures. All of which is without the schools, or the regular courses."

"I feel that this work is going to help tremendously in making good citizens and in developing democracy. You can't have good citizens unless you have healthy boys and girls. When I find a boy who isn't getting on as he should, who is inattentive or interested in things he shouldn't be, I tell him to go and swing from the top of a door if there is nothing else to help him exercise. Exercise is a wholesome antidote for much that regards a boy's best development. I am particularly interested in the athletic and recreation feature of my work. I'll know more about it after a few months than I do now."

**HOTEL CLOSES, THEN BURNS.**

LAKE HOPATCONG, N. J., Dec. 19.—Fire totally destroyed the Hotel Monticello, near the Lackawanna Railroad station here. The loss is placed by Antonio D'Amelio, owner, at \$40,000, \$35,000 of which, he said, was covered by insurance.

The resort, formerly the Hotel Westmoreland, was closed for the winter yesterday, the flames possibly originating in a smoldering fire in the furnace.

**BRONX WOMAN DIES,  
3 BURNED, IN FIRE**

Annie Otto Suffocated Trying to Stifle Blaze; Mother Injured Jumping.

Miss Annie Otto, member of one of the oldest families in the Bronx, lost her life early yesterday while trying to extinguish a blaze that had started in the kitchen of her home at 428 East 160th street, The Bronx, while she was preparing breakfast for her brother, Henry Otto. The building, a three story frame structure, was destroyed.

Mrs. Sophie Otto, mother of the dead girl and a cousin of Henry Bruckner, Borough President of The Bronx, was burned about the face and hands and suffered cuts and bruises when she jumped from the second story window. Henry Otto, 37, and Agatha Otto, 23, also were burned about the face and hands and were taken to Lincoln Hospital.

Henry Otto was dressing in his room on the third floor when he realized that the house was burning. He ran to the kitchen on the floor below and found his sister, Annie, fighting the fire, which had enveloped the stove and was spreading to other parts of the kitchen. He broke a window and told her to jump out, and then ran upstairs to rouse the other members of the family. Half an hour later, after the blaze was just about under control, firemen found Annie Otto's body in the kitchen. She had suffocated before she was able to reach the window.

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